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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1898. [27]

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1898. [28]

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 28th May, 1898. [29]

NOTICE.

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CHAU TSUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 26th May, 1898. [30]

Auctions.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

M. R. G. P. LAMMERT has received ins-
tructions from the Mortgagor to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises

on TUESDAY, the 20th September, 1898,

ALL THAT valuable leasehold property
situate at Victoria, Hongkong and registered in
the Land Office as SECTION E OF INLAND
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The property is held for the residue of a term
of 75 years from the 26th June, 1843 and for a
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obtained from

Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS,
35, Queen's Road,
Vendors' Solicitors,
and from the Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1898. [31]

BY ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

M. R. H. N. MODY has received instruc-
tions from the Mortgagor to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION, on

THURSDAY, the 29th September, 1898,

at 1 P.M.,
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BING ALL THAT PIECE OF PARCEL of
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The Auctioneer,
Hongkong, 10th September, 1898. [32]

Intimations.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY:

Hongkong, 19th May, 1898. [33]

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Hongkong, 11th September, 1898. [34]

THE LEADING CATERERS.

COMPARE OUR BILLIARD TABLES and

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th September, 1898. [35]

THE GRILL ROOM.

Liquors to all others.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1898. [36]

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PREPARED IN ALL COLOURS

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1898. [37]

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LONDON Manilla (Passing through the Island Sea). [38]

(See Special Advertisement.)

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [39]

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Per case or 10 bottles. \$1.00
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1898.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the above Company will be held at the
COMPANY'S HOTEL, on THURSDAY, the 6th
day of October, 1898, at NOON, when the
SUNJOINED RESOLUTION which was
passed at the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
of the Company held on the 15th instant will be
submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL
RESOLUTION.

"That a BONUS of TWO THOU-
SAND DOLLARS be hereby voted to
each of the three existing Directors, or
the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS
in all, out of the profits of the Company
during the past half year, as some re-
compence by the Shareholders of the
successful exertions of the Directors in
protecting the concern once more on a
dividend paying basis."

Dated the 16th day of September, 1898.

C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILEON."
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 18th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [108]

FOR KOBE.

"TAIWAN MARU,"
will be despatched for the above port on
MONDAY, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [107]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"BENLARIG,"
Captain Kroble, will be despatched as above
on or about the 8th October.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [110]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"COROMANDEL"
FROM HOMBOURY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, &c., ex S.S. Oriental.
From Australia, ex S.S. Australia.
From Persian Gulf ex S.S. Henry Bullock
and Khandahal.

Optional goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before 4
P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd instant, at 4
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [105]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LIVERPOOL, SWANSEA AND
SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship

"OANFA,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
Noon on the 24th instant or they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on FRIDAY, the 24th instant at
3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 24th
August will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [109]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CANTON,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID,
SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
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being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From Madras, ex S.S. Zoolana.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before 9
A.M. TO-MORROW.

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P.M. will be subject to rent.

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any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [105]

To-day's Advertisements.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zeeland Street, TO-NIGHT, the 16th
instant, at 8.30 or 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [109]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION,

A SPOON COMPETITION will be held
TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, commen-
encing at 3 P.M.

RANGES—200, 500 and 600 yards. Seven
shots and one sight.

ENTRANCE FEE—30 cents.

In view of the INTERPORT MATCH
Members are requested to attend these Competitions
for the sake of practice.

A CUP has been presented to the Association.
Conditions under which it may be shot for will
be sent to Members next week.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [35]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

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RASPBERRYADE, &c.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1898.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, September 8th.

I did not send my usual letter at the end of last week because it was a case of stagnation. I am now enabled, on what I believe is fairly reliable authority, to tell you that the reassembling of the British fleet up north which excited some little attention two weeks ago in the South, was not for nought. I am informed the vessels came North under orders to attack Port Arthur, and arrangements were fully made to do so when a telegram was received to the effect that Her Majesty forbade any attack, and immediately after we have the issue of the Czar's rotten manifesto. I am not red that the Imperial Message only saved extreme action by two days, matters having so far advanced along a line of firm policy as that. Well, we hope for the best, but one cannot but regret if a grand opportunity to give Russia a set back for twenty years is lost through inaction on the part of one who has until lately exhibited a strength and firmness of character which has justified the loyalty with which she has been served. Russia is in a jam with an exhausted Treasury—or at least a fixed one—on the one hand, and a famine in face on the other, so the cry of *Accord* on her part is comprehensible enough; but it won't wash.

FROM ALL I HEAR.

Newchwang is only waiting the hoisting of the Russian flag. It is literally and purely in Russian hands, and we still have a quiet apprehension there soon. The natives are showing a little spirit, and giving all the trouble they can, but I am inclined to think that

IS PART OF THE GAME.

If Russia can't stir up something like a rebellion in that quarter the *raison d'être* for her taking Newchwang is established. The latest news is that three foreigners connected with the railway have been killed there. They are probably Russians, and quite as probably were under paid necessity to get themselves killed so that Russia can go in for a pennyworth of "compensation," la Germany in Shantung. I think I have now whispered my sneaking conviction that those Germany Missionaries at Kiaochow were voluntary martyrs in the cause of their country's colonial expansion.

A large body of disbanded soldiers and rebels who hold the field in the south of Kien are said to be giving trouble and objecting to the railway construction; but Russia will "doubtless" arrange to give them their quietus.

DR. MORRISON

was telegraphed for to return from Newchwang in a great hurry last week and is now back in Peking, but I have not yet heard the precise reason for his recall. It must however have been a solid one.

THE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has been going for Sheng and his telegraph scale, and I am glad of it. The state of affairs is nothing short of disgraceful. Of late it has frequently been quicker to send a letter in preference to a wire to Shanghai, at the very slight advance in speed of the telegrams has not justified the enormous difference in cost. We are told that the lines are blocked with Government messages, or that the floods at the Yellow River have broken the wires. For nearly a week we were without Roman telegrams and the delay and uncertainty in commercial circles is enormous. And why? Simply because Mr. George Director General of Telegraphs, H.E. Sheng prefers to pocket the difference between cost and racecable instead of investing a little of it in the construction of proper lines and—

THE EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGNERS.

The local trading Senate here is a private one under Sir G. S. G. control, not Government line, and I am in Shangha, where I believe there is a foreigner just now on leave, not a foreigner of any kind employed. Consequently there is a paucity of work at the receiving office here there is no one to control and organize it. If the clerks in charge choose they can make payment for urgent messages and pocket the proceeds, and delay messages when it suits their purpose. There is no foreign expert at the Yellow River, which is really a difficult crossing, and when the poles are swept bodily away, as they are now and again for a change, the messages are transcribed at temporary receiving stations on either bank and ferried across in open boats. At least that is what the clerks here have stated and I can quite believe it seeing how things generally are done in China. Even this arrangement only indulged in when the floods are moderate; if they are excessive then a full stop practically takes place. Yet a better route could be adopted, or strong pillars erected to carry the lines across the river, and the right those districts affected by the annual overflow; not an easy task I will admit, but by no means one which foreign engineering skill could not accomplish. Our local merchants are up in arms at the state of affairs, and pressure will be brought to bear on Master Sheng from Peking if something is not done.

THE EMPEROR IS SHOWING some little backbone. In reality I believe, as a story is now going round to the effect that a Secretary in the Board of Rites had the temerity to memorialize the Emperor pointing out that all his schemes of reform, good as they were, were worthless unless he dismissed the obnoxious members of his Government; had a word in fact in favor of the sheep and the goats. Of course the President of the Board pounced on the unlucky sender and denounced him to the Emperor demanding his punishment for daring to memorialize the Throne direct. To the President's discomfiture, however, the Emperor turned on him, said that it was his desire that the people should learn to condemn the king direct. The result was the loss of buttons, etc. to the President and Vice-Presidents of the Board, and a pat on the back and promotion to third degree of the Secretary, which has caused a sensation in the Board of Rites and will give satisfaction to a long list of those who have at some time or another been its victim.

GOVERNMENT RETRENCHMENT is going ahead, and in pursuance of the new scheme of economy an Imperial Edict was issued on the 10th ulto, abolishing six metropolitan offices, also the Governor of Kwangtung, Hupeh and Yunnan provinces as they have Viceroy to attend to necessary business. The Imperial Commissioner in Charge of the Yellow River and all salt and grain Taotai have also been abolished, so there will be quite a clean sweep of supernumeraries.

TYPEHOOD IS EPIDEMIC here now, the representatives of Messrs. Butfield and Swift, one or two members of the Customs, and it is feared the British Consul being down with a fever believed to be typhoid, and certainly so in the first case. There has been a great deal of sickness even at Peitakho, I believe, and the doctor has been kept busy.

THE TRAINING SEASON has commenced again, but rumours are out of a dull meeting owing to so many prominent racers being either dead or too busy to go in for the thing properly. But there is no dependence to be placed on these early growls.

MR. THOS. RINGSMITH,

the present proprietor and editor of the *Shanghai Daily Press*, is now visiting Tientsin, and looks stout and well. He has gone on to Peking for a few days and will not linger long in the north, as his paper cannot of course dispense for long with his learned pen. In the matter of

dates and accurate historical information on Far Eastern history Mr. Ringsmith is a marvelous authority, a perfect walking encyclopedia. Some other Shanghai folks are also up here I notice, Mr. Murray, of Noel and Murray, among them.

A WORD FOR AGUINALDO.

Aguinaldo, it is represented, is making himself troublesome.

Admiral Dewey has not said so; neither has General Merritt.

Aguinaldo seems to be giving offence chiefly to those who regard his military successes as.

No doubt that Phillipine soldier is far from being a mere person. Quite probably his triumphs over the Spaniards have greatly elated him and much increased his sense of his importance. Also it is likely that, having proved his mettle and possessing a victorious army, he feels he is entitled to be consulted when the fate of government of his country is being discussed.

There is every reason to believe that Aguinaldo considers he has a better right to be consulted and consulted on that head than any Spaniard living, not excepting Sagasta, Weyler or the King of Spain.

Aguinaldo is only a Phillipino and lives at a long distance from ourselves, but let us nevertheless, endeavour to use common sense and a little manly generosity in judging him.

He has done a pistol's duty in the field, he has defeated in numerous battles an enemy that offered a price for his head, and he has undoubtedly earned the right to a voice in the settlement of the fate of his native land.

Aguinaldo, gold collar and all, would be an incomparably more creditable partner for the United States in the Philippines than Spain, which, implant now as circumspect as, is eager for vengeance upon Aguinaldo and all rebels against her treacherous and murderous tyranny.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND.

There are three Christmas Islands scattered over the ocean, the most interesting from a scientific point of view being that which lies some 250 miles south-west of Java. It has an area of only about 20 square miles, and until the last few years has never, so far as is known, been inhabited by man. Recently one of the Rosses of the Keeling Islands has taken up his residence at the one accessible point on the coast, with a few coolies, for the purpose mainly of working the very valuable phosphate deposits on the island, on behalf of the small company who lease the island from the British Government. The island has, at various times been visited by her Majesty's survey ships, but its interesting interior had never been explored. About 15 months ago, Sir John Murray of the Challenger, who is one of the owners of the island, sent out at his own expense Mr. C. W. Andrews of the geological department of the Natural History Museum, with a companion to the island for the purpose of exploring it in the interests of science. It is a virgin island, the flora and the fauna of which are believed to have remained from the beginning uninfluenced by man, and therefore the study of these, as well as of the geology of the island was expected to yield valuable results. Mr. Andrews has not returned to England, and the results are likely to fulfil the highest expectations. But Mr. Andrews pursued his labours under the greatest difficulty. The island is 7,200ft. high, almost entirely covered with gigantic forest vegetation and bush that the members of the little colony on the shore have never been able to move a mile from home. The only available drinking water is supplied by a spring on the shore, and as the cliffs are lofty and precipitous it is difficult in the extreme to convey the water into the interior. This will give some idea of the difficulties which Mr. Andrews had to face in making his way over the island. As a matter of fact, with the help which he found available, his rate of progress was not more than two miles a day. The island moreover swarms with gigantic land-crabs and rats, which, however interesting from a scientific point of view, are plague to the explorer. Mr. Andrews had often to sleep out unprotected by a tent, and had to adapt himself as best he could to having his toes nipped by the formidable pincers of the crabs, and his body scraped over by hundreds of rats. The only chance of survival for animals in Christmas Island is their ability to climb trees and swing branches; and both rats and crabs are as accomplished at this as monkeys in an African forest. Mr. Andrews has brought home ample collections of these and of the other animal life which abounds on the island, the insects especially being particularly rich. The flora of the island, also, is abundantly represented in Mr. Andrews' collections, as well as geology and other branches of science. To geologists especially the island is of great interest. The core of the island is volcanic, but originally a coral reef occupied the position. The original reef, or atoll, it is believed, now forms the cap or summit of the island, and at intervals downwards, coral bands exist, which seem to indicate that the elevation must have been gradual, and at considerable intervals. These are among some of the valuable results brought back by Mr. Andrews, and science owes a debt of gratitude to Sir John Murray for his liberal enterprise in equipping the expedition. Mr. Andrews will probably give some account of his work at the Bristol meeting of the British Association, and is expected to read a paper on the subject at the Royal Geographical Society next session. He has brought home about 400 photographs.

PROPOSING TO A QUEEN.

AN AMUSING LETTER.

The art of making a proposal of marriage to a Queen is one in which it is no disgrace for any of us to fail. Ignorance and inexperience. A resident of Malta has thus addressed one of the dainty Queens of the South Pacific Islands:—

"Her Gracious Majesty, I hope you will most willingly excuse me for having the impudence to write to you in this manner, and the reason for doing so is, when I was reading the paper yesterday I read about the steamer Boronia having drifted on your island, and the women under you began to select husbands from the crew, and that you, my Queen, wanted for a husband a man that would love you and make you happy. I have been thinking the matter over, and I have come to the conclusion that if you will have me for a husband, write back and let me know; also, that you should send me the money for my passage out, so as I can come to you, and I will repay you the money when I get to you. If my Queen, I will split you wide apart, and let me know as soon as possible, also send me a paper note for £2 or £3, and I will come at once."

If the Maltese gentleman wonders why he received no reply to this business-like proposal, it may interest him to know that it never reached Her Majesty. His letter was opened by the head chief, who handed it to the principal white trader, who posted it to the Sydney firm, who in their turn sent it to the Sydney Daily Telegraph. The postmaster showed that it passed through London, Queensland, Sydney, Samarai, and Herbertshof.

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F R I D A Y , 16 t h S e p t e m b e r , 1898.
(St. Editha, Virgin.)

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K u e n - s u .

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S e t s 8 h r . 3 m i n .

M o o n — I n E q u a t o r 1 h r . 4 m .
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H i g h w a t e r — M o r n i n g 8 h r . 6 m i n .
A f t e r n o o n 8 h r . 12 m i n .

L o w w a t e r — M o r n i n g 8 h r . 35 m i n .
A f t e r n o o n 8 h r . 18 m i n .

A N N I V E R S A R Y .

1701—James II. of England died.

1881—New Convention between Germany and China.

1884—Public meeting at Shanghai on Franco-Chinese difficulty.

1893—M. H. Recher, mining expert, drowned at Pahang.

1896—600 Armenians killed at Kharput. Commandant Holland boasted his peasant son H.M.S. *Victor Emmanuel*.

1897—Attempted assassination of President Diaz of Mexico.

T O - M O R R O W .

S a t u r d a y , 17 t h S e p t e m b e r , 1898.
(St. Lambert.)

C h i n e s e — 2 d o f 8 t h m o o n o f 2 4 t h y e a r o f
K u e n - s u .

S u n — R i s e s 5 h r . 47 m i n .

S e t s 8 h r . 3 m i n .

H i g h w a t e r — M o r n i n g 8 h r . 3 m i n .

A f t e r n o o n 8 h r . 18 m i n .

L o w w a t e r — M o r n i n g 8 h r . 42 m i n .

A f t e r n o o n 8 h r . 18 m i n .

A N N I V E R S A R Y .

1812—Mexico burnt.

1874—Hongkong Pier and Godown Co. closed.

1894—Judicial naval battle between the Chinese and Japanese squadrons off the Yalu River, the Chinese losing five vessels.

1897—Battle of Mahmud.

S H I P P I N G A N D M A I L N E W S .

M A I L D U R :

I n d i a n (*Knight Templar*) 19 t h Inst.

G e r m a n (*Darmstadt*) 20 h Inst.

A m e r i c a n (*Glenfarie*) 22 d Inst.

A u s t r a l i a n (*Yamashiro Maru*) 23 d Inst.

A m e r i c a n (*Belle*) 1 st prox.

C a n a d i a n (*Empress of China*) 4 th prox.

A m e r i c a n (*Glenagle*) 11 th prox.

T H E P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Glenagle* with mills, etc. left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 13th Inst.

T H E P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Glenfarie* with mills, etc. from San Francisco to the 25th ulto, via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 14th Inst.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Shaw, Thomas & Co.) that the "Union" line steamer *Fuka* Sanderson from New York, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning, the 15th, and is due here on or about the 1st Inst.

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STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KANAGAWA MARU.....	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 21st Sept., at 4 P.M.
YAMASHIRO MARU.....	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 26th Sept., at 4 P.M.
SENDAI MARU.....	VLADIVOSTOCK, via SHANGHAI, CHITOGO, CHIKULUO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN and GANSAN	FRIDAY, 30th September, at noon.
TOKIO MARU.....	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS: VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 30th September, at 4 P.M.

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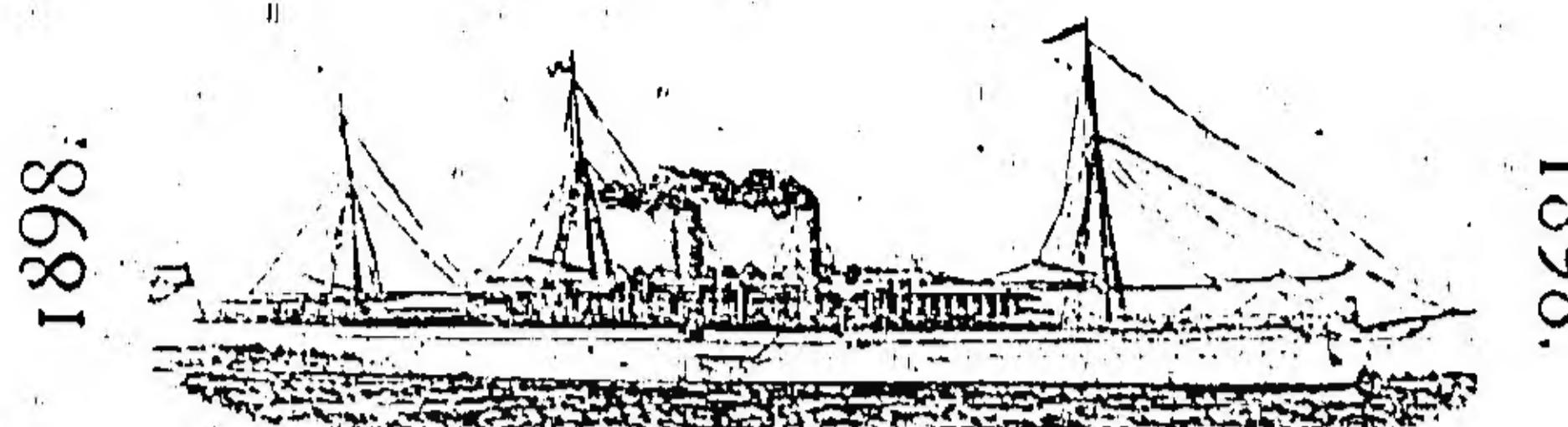
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SUEVIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG	17th Sept., 3 P.M.
Faick	HAVRE, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	About 25th September.
SILESIA	HAVRE, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	September.
Betzen	LONDON, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	About 10th October.
ALESSIA	LONDON, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	October.
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